

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CORRECTING A PUBLIC NUISANCE?

The owner of the property is responsible for correcting any public nuisance. The City will notify the property owner of the nuisance by mail. The property owner will have 10 days from the mailing of the notice to correct the violation. If the owner fails to correct the nuisance during that time, the City will correct the violation. The property owner will be required to pay for the nuisance removal or all costs will be filed as a lien against the property.

Property owners with repetitive violations of the City Code will be assessed Administrative Fees and Civil Penalties.

SUPPOSE I DISAGREE WITH THE INSPECTOR AND DO NOT BELIEVE THE CONDITION IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE. IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?

Yes. You may appeal the findings of the Inspector by stating your objections in writing to the Raleigh City Council.

(Send you letter to the City of Raleigh Inspections Department, Housing/Environmental Inspections Division, P.O. Box 590, Raleigh, NC 27602.) This will stop any further action until the City Council makes a determination in the case.

If you have any questions about public nuisances, please call the Housing/Environmental Inspections Division at 807-5110 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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The City of Raleigh is committed to providing its citizens with a clean, safe and healthy environment in which to live. The North Carolina General Statutes and the Raleigh City Code set out the procedures the City uses to control and remove dangers to public health within the City of Raleigh's jurisdiction. Enforcing these City Codes is the responsibility of the City of Raleigh Inspections Department.






What is the City of Raleigh's Jurisdiction?



The City of Raleigh regulates public health nuisances within the City Limits, and generally, up to one mile outside the City Limits.



WHAT TYPE OF CONDITIONS CAN BE CONSIDERED A PUBLIC NUISANCE?

Public nuisances include, among others:

-  any condition which creates or provides a breeding ground or harbor for rodents, harmful insects, or other pests;
-  any place within a given distance of an open street, dwelling or commercial building where a dense growth of weeds or grasses are over eight inches in height;
-  any open place where there is a concentration of combustible refuse, junk, litter, garbage, yardwaste, building rubbish or other items;
-  any open place where household furniture, fixtures, white goods or other appliances are left;
-  any condition which blocks or obstructs the natural flow of streams, creeks or other defined ditches or drains to the extent that water is outside the banks of the drainway or endangers city property;

-  any collection of stagnant water without adequate drainage; or,
-  any vehicle that is a breeding ground for insects or rodents, is used for storage of flammable materials, or has broken windows and/or jagged metal edges.



IF I SEE SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Contact the Housing/Environmental Inspections Division of the City Raleigh Inspections Department, P.O. Box 590, Raleigh, NC, 27602, or call 807-5110. You may also complete a *Code Enforcement Request Form* by entering <http://www.raleighnc.gov> in the address line of your web browser and accessing the City's webpage.

An inspector will look at the possible public nuisance and take appropriate action. The inspector will contact you with the status of the inspection upon request.